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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: YO
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH TITO

1. WE HAVE BEEN REMINDED, AS RECENTLY AS THE HARRIMAN VISIT HERE AND THE MARKOVIC VISIT TO THE U.S., HOW MUCH SIGNIFICANCE THE YUGOSLAVS ATTACH TO THE PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH TITO DURING THE PAST YEAR.

2. AS YOU WILL NOTE FROM BELGRADE'S 5762, I THINK WE SHOULD RESUME THE CORRESPONDENCE. I REALIZE THE TIME IS SHORT, BUT WITH HUA KUO-FENG DUE TO ARRIVE HERE AUGUST 21, THE PRESIDENT MIGHT PROVIDE TITO OUR VIEW OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE AND ANY OTHER SUBJECTS YOU EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON THINK MIGHT USEFULLY BE FED TO HIM JUST BEFORE THE HUA VISIT. THIS WOULD, INCIDENTALLY, PROBABLY STIMULATE A GOOD REPLY FROM TITO FOLLOWING THE VISIT.

3. A VANCE-VRHOVEC LETTER IN SEPTEMBER DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SUMMIT (OR CONCLUSIONS FROM IT IF WE WAIT UNTIL IT IS OVER), AND POSSIBLY SOME AFTERTHOUGHTS CONCERNING THE BELGRADE
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NAM CONFERENCE, WOULD ALSO BE A GOOD STEP.

4. I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT WE DO NOT THINK THAT NO USEFUL IDEAS EVER COME OUT OF WASHINGTON.
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